

## BLONDIE



## SALLY FORTH



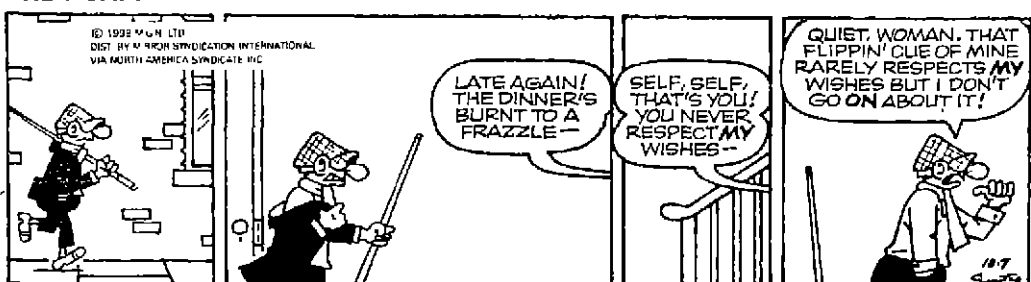
## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



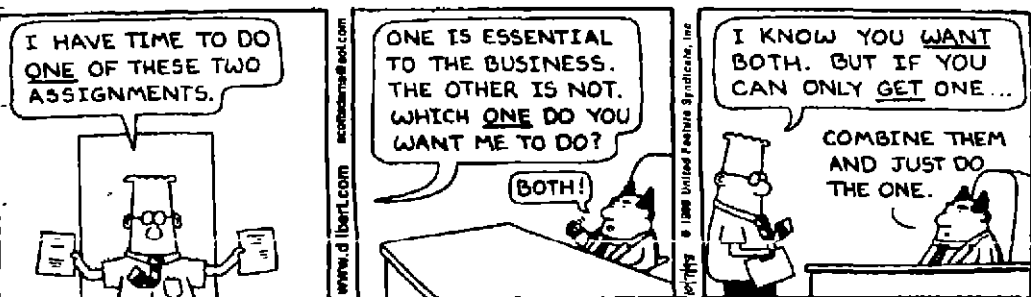
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



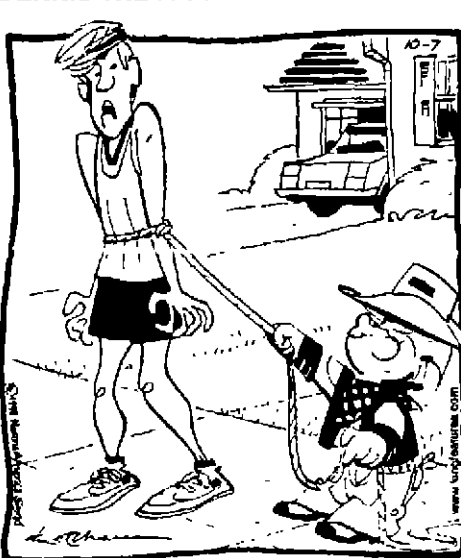
## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



## DILBERT



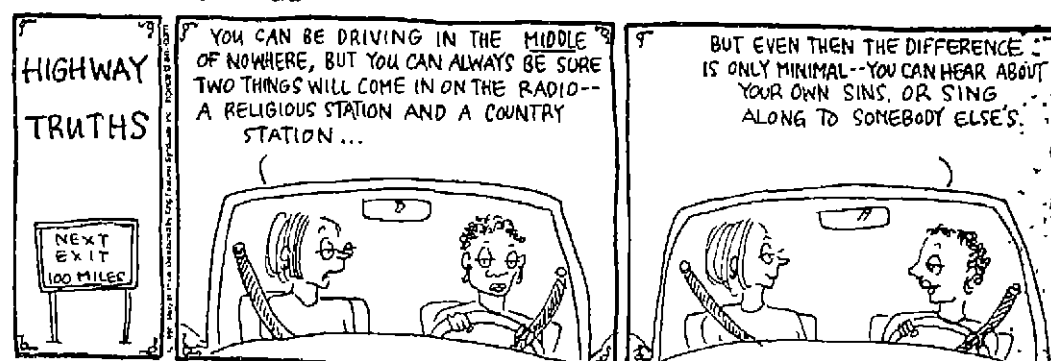
## DENNIS THE MENACE



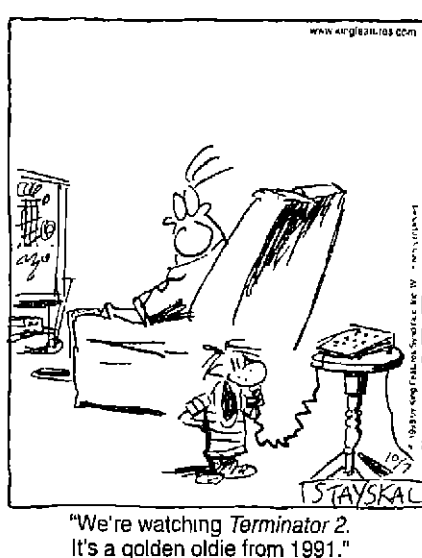
## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

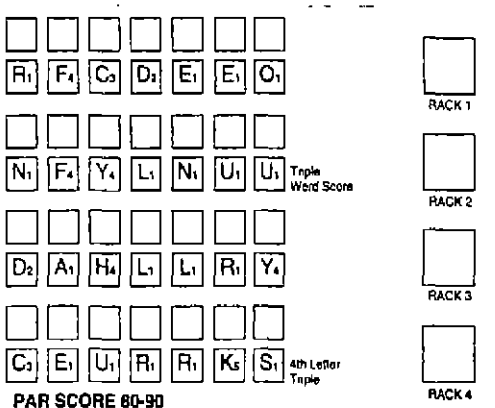
Singer Al Martino is 71. Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 67. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 55. Country singer Kiernan Kane (The O'Kanes) is 49. Singer John Mellencamp is 47. Actress Christopher Norris is 45. Rock musician Tito Torres (Bon Jovi) is 45. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 43. Actress Judy Landers is 37. Singer Toni Braxton is 30.

## I NEED HELP



Venus de Milo: the early years.

## SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 80-90  
by JUDD  
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-7-98 © 1998, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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## HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Oct. 8, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Finances and investment advice are dropped into your lap. Take a moment to engage a worthwhile resource and learn.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Physical appearance is suddenly more important to you.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Changing your scope or re-focusing your direction might be the push your current project needs.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Networking with friends in a position to help you will have promising results.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your social life will be boring for a while if you are serious about your career goals.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A giant smack on the forehead and a resounding "duh!" will make you realize something blatantly obvious to the rest of the world.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Making a hog of yourself is no way to solve your worries.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Those married or in a serious relationship might find things a bit tense around the edges.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Facing a wall of strong opinions and dogmatic associates, you bite your lip.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't forget the joys of life, love, free time and holidays.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Take extra caution when engaging in a real estate deal. Read the fine print.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Feel free to call upon the help of a loyal friend.

## WORD SLEUTH

## Triple --

IKHEDAXUQNKHEBY  
VSPMCJHEBYVTQOL  
IGDBYNSWTRPMKIF  
DBERUSAEMYHRYWU  
SZNQOMLIRKJYIFD  
BRTZNXCWLUASQO  
RNEULWHJMLGTHFD  
CENKLOPPPEAIAYW  
VTTSCQWRPXMGFNL  
KIEEHFEFCACIBZY  
WVUSMRDQPNMDTLJ

Tuesday's unlisted clue: CACTUS  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: TO SPRING OFF THE GROUND

|          |         |         |          |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Alliance | Digit   | Lutz    | Rhyme    |
| Axel     | Entente | Measure | Saltchow |
| Crown    | Figures | Meter   | Time     |
| Decker   | Loop    | Play    |          |

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## ACES ON BRIDGE

## By Bobby Wolff

The defense got a good start against today's no-trump game. Since the bidding implied interest in a major-suit contract, West narrowed his choice of lead to either an aggressive diamond or a passive club. The passive club proved best. South ducked the club lead in dummy, and East took his king. Since South had promised four hearts and dummy had good spades, it was obvious East should shift to a diamond. Sticking to custom, East led his fourth-best diamond "to give West the count." South allowed this to ride toward dummy's nine, and West won the jack. When West returned the suit, South enjoyed a free finesse and made his game with an overtrick. East found the right switch at trick two, but he led the wrong card. Instead of leading fourth best, East should have led the 10. If declarer finesses his queen, West wins his king and returns the jack. Either way, the defense collects three diamonds, a club and a spade for one down.

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0820

## ACROSS

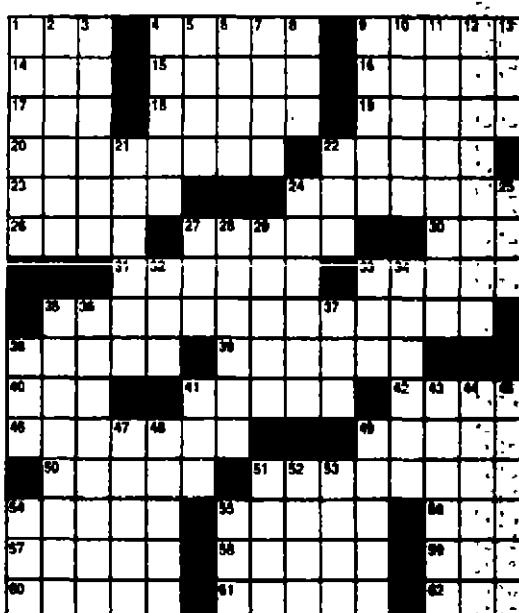
- One who plays for a living
- Cry out
- Set up, in a way
- Fled or bled
- Kind of appliance
- Home and Olin
- Appointment book abbr.
- Tear-jerker?
- Stars, in Kansas!
- First-rate
- Legal claim
- They're good for the long haul
- "Golly!"
- Item on a table: Abbr.
- Sports shocker
- Wind dir.
- Rival of Steffi
- "The Millionaire" star
- Annually aired classic
- Third Bond portrayer
- Buffoonery
- Have
- "Sharp Dressed Man" band
- Man, for one
- The entertainment industry
- TV studio sign
- Part of T.S.E.
- "The \$64,000 Question," e.g.
- Eulogizes

## DOWN

- Presley's "G.I. Blues" co-star
- "Silent Spring" author Carson
- Promptly
- Sploches
- Turner or Wood
- Shamrock land
- Awestruck
- Bedtime, for some
- Alerting light
- Go to seed again?
- Lucky Jim, for one
- 1994 Wimbledon winner Conchita
- Tikkanen of hockey
- Longtime baseball manager Don
- N.Y.P.D. title
- Five-tune for
- Buddhist discipline
- Prefix with flow

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MODERN TIRAO GELT  
EBOIT SITU UVEA  
OIGIN ACTI YIPS  
FASHIONPLATES  
CVI TAD SHARE  
RIGORS FONDA  
OCHRE JANE SHA  
SATELLITEDISHES  
SRS IYES SUOMI  
GREED LABREA  
APPLY CUB TNN  
FLYINGSAUCERS  
LURE ROCK LITUP  
AMEN AMMO LOOSE  
TEXT DEER ASPEN



Puzzle by A. J. Samers

20 Flair  
29 Meager  
32 Have chits out  
33 — cit. (footnote abbr.)  
34 "... covers a multitude —"  
35 Blonds  
36 Iolani Palace site  
37 Fondue, for one  
38 Wks. and wks.  
41 Bad mark?  
43 Much of Niger  
44 Train name  
48 Actor Stu and kin  
47 Dentist's derivative  
48 Heifer's handle  
49 Earth protector  
51 Stereo alternative  
52 Take apart  
53 Borodin's "Prince"  
54 Brooklyn sch.  
58 Man who's taken a vow

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